

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Computer Centre

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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1. OPERATIONS

1.1 PDP-10 System

Friday 9 July Magnetic tape maintenance, 1000-1020
Daily accounting procedure, which could not run previous night due to tape error, 1025-1045.

Monday 12 July System failure, 1035-1100, 1831-1840.

Wednesday 14 July Accounting file corrections, 1000-1010
Daily accounting run, which could not proceed previous night due to errors in an accounting file, 1010-1025.

Thursday 15 July Accounting file updates, 1000-1050
System failure, 1235-1250, 1607-1624.

Schedule for forthcoming week: Maintenance 0700-0900, 2300-2400
Operations 1000-2200

1.2 GE-225 System

Schedule for forthcoming week: Maintenance 0700-0900, 2000-2100
Operations 0900-2000, 2100-2400

2. COMPUTER CLUB MEETINGS

There will be a General Meeting of the Computer Club on Friday 23 July at 1 p.m. in Lecture Room B18 of the Engineering Building.

On Wednesday 28 July there will be a meeting at 1 p.m. in B18 on the topic 'PDP-10 Accounting System'.

3. CHANGES TO LOGOUT

There have been some improvements made to the logging out procedure.

(a) Error Messages

If logout encounters problems with a user's files an error message is given to the user and logout continues, instead of giving a fatal stop as at present.

The error messages could be any of the following:

(i) FILE DIRECTORY NOT FOUND

Logout has not been able to find the user's file directory, and cannot reference any of the files. Therefore, no file processing is done.

(ii) ERROR READING FILE DIRECTORY

Logout has encountered an error trying to read the user's file directory. No further file processing is done.

(iii) FILE NOT FOUND

OPEN	DIRECTORY NOT FOUND		
KEEP	FAILURE (PROTECTION FAILURE)	FOR FILE	filename
DELETE	FILE BEING MODIFIED		
	FILE NOT OPEN FOR RENAME		

These are a variety of messages which can appear for individual files within the directory. This particular file will not be processing any further files on the directory.

(b) New User Question

If many users are logging in or logging out at the same time, the accounting files can become busy. In this case, the user receives the message

THE ACCOUNTING FILES ARE BUSY

DO YOU WISH TO CONTINUE WITH LOGOUT? (ANSWER Y OR N):

Answer Y <cr> if you wish to continue with logout

N <cr> or ↑C if you wish to abort logout

(The operation of this is the same as for the message

THERE IS ANOTHER USER ON THIS PROJECT)